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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MBFR: FURTHER VIEWS OF FRG REP ON PREREDUCTION
CONSTRAINTS

REF: VIENNA 8582

1. IN ASIDE TO US REP AT END OF OCTOBER 18 AD
HOC GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (BEHREND) SAID THAT, FOLLOWING DIS-
CUSSION ON PREREDUCTION CONSTRAINTS WITH US REPS REPORTED REFTEL,
HE WAS NOW RECOMMENDING TO BONN THAT FRG AGREE THE ALLIES SHOULD
USE MEASURES 1 AND 2 OF PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE ALLIED PAPER IN
THEIR PRESENT FORM AND POSTPONE TO THE DISCUSSION OF POST-
REDUCTION STABILIZING MEASURES THE QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF THE
AREA TO INCLUDE PORTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION. US REPS SAID THEY
THOUGHT THIS POSITION HAD GREATER PROSPECTS OF LEADING TO AGREEMENT
THAN PREVIOUS LINE OF FRG THINKING. THEY REMINDED BEHREND THAT
WASHINGTON POSITION AGAINST IDEA OF EXTENDING MEASURES TO SOVIET

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TERRITORY IN ANY STAGE OF NEGOTIATION CONTINUED FIRM. BEHREND

EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EITHER RUTH'S SUGGESTION FOR TRIPARTITE MEETING AT BRUSSELS OR SOME OTHER VEHICLE FOR REACHING DECISION COULD BE AGREED ON RAPIDLY.

2. WE BELIEVE BEHREND'S REMARKS PROVIDE SOME CONFIRMATION THAT THE TACTICAL LINE WE RECOMMENDED IN VIENNA 8584 WOULD FIND GERMAN SUPPORT. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONVINCE BRITISH THAT MEASURE #2 DOES NOT LIMIT FUTURE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION.

3. FOR LOGICAL PRESENTATION OF WESTERN POSITION, PREREDUCTION CONSTRAINTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AMONG WESTERN THEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT, SO THAT ALLED DECISION WILL BE NEEDED BY MID-NOVEMBER. WE BELIEVE SIMPLEST AND MOST DIRECT METHOD OF BRINGING ABOUT SUCH DECISION IS TO USE PAPER ON PREREDUCTION CONSTRAINTS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON AS DISCUSSION BASIS FOR NATO. IF OUR PROPOSAL WERE TO BE FOLLOWED, THIS WOULD INVOLVE ELIMINATING TREATMENT OF POINT 3 FROM THE PRESENT TEXT, MAKING POINT 4 OPTIONAL, AND TABLING TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN NATO. IN THE INTERESTS OF SPEED IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO GIVE THIS SUBJECT PRIORITY AT NATO, SEPARATE FROM DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION OR OTHER OPEN ISSUES. HUMES

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